

Abbreviated Biography for Noel W. Hinnners

Dr. Noel W. Hinnners is a part-time Senior Research Associate at the Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics and lecturer on space policy at the University of Colorado. He consults for NASA and the aerospace industry and is a member of Four-Dimensional Systems which supports the NASA Academy of Program and Project Leadership. Noel retired in January, 2002 from Lockheed Martin Astronautics, Denver where, from 1994 through 2000, he was their vice president of Flight Systems responsible for planetary missions. Prior to that, Dr. Hinnners was chief scientist of Business Development and Advanced Programs for Astronautics. He joined Martin Marietta Corporate as vice president of strategic planning in 1989. Dr. Hinnners served as NASA associate deputy administrator and chief scientist (1987 to 1989), director of the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (1982 to 1987), director of the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum (1979 to 1982), NASA's associate administrator for Space Science (1974 to 1979) and director of Lunar Programs (1972 to 1974). Before entering government service, Dr. Hinnners was department head of Lunar Exploration with Bellcomm, Inc., which he joined as a member of the technical staff in 1963 and where he was associated with science planning and site selection for Apollo.

Dr. Hinnners was the founding Editor of Geophysical Research Letters, a rapid-publication journal of the American Geophysical Union. He is a member of the American Geophysical Union and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He was founding president of the Maryland and Colorado Space Business Round Tables. Noel chaired the NRC Space Studies Board Committee on Human Exploration (1989 - 1997). He currently serves on NASA's Mars Exploration Program Analysis Group (Exec. Comm.), the External Advisory Board of the University of Colorado Aerospace Engineering Sciences Department and the Standing Review Board for NASA's Mars Science Lander mission. Dr. Hinnners is a trustee of the National Youth Science Foundation.

Dr. Hinnners received his BS degree in Agricultural Research from Rutgers University in 1958, an MS in Geochemistry from the California Institute of Technology in 1960 and a Ph.D. in Geochemistry from Princeton University in 1963.